PROCEEDINGS

of

THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

FIRST ASSEMBLY

SECOND SESSION.

Friday, the 25th May 1934/12th Edavam 1109.

The Assembly met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the clock, the President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Temple—Entry Committee.

211.* **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Temple—Entry Committee has submitted its final Report,

(*b*) when the said Report would be published;

(*c*) whether the members of the Legislature would be supplied with copies of the said Report?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Published on 21-4-1934.

(*c*) No.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know why copies of the Report of the Temple—Entry Committee were not supplied to the members of the Legislature?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Only a limited number of copies have been printed and they are not sufficient to be distributed among the members of the Assembly and Council.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether Government intend to supply copies of the Report of the Temple-Entry Committee to the members of the Sri Mulam Assembly?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It has not been finally decided.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know how many copies have been printed?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): 250.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know why the question whether copies of the Report should be supplied to the members of the Legislature has not been decided before deciding the number of copies to be printed?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government first thought that distribution of copies to members of the Legislature was not necessary. They may, however, reconsider the question; and if it is decided to distribute copies, more copies will be printed. The present decision is that copies need not be supplied to the members of the Legislature and hence it has been ordered to print only 250 copies.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know why Government arrived at that decision different from the reports of the Committees that have been appointed till now?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know what are the special reasons that weigh with Government in the matter of supply of copies of reports? What is the comparison between this Report and the reports of other committees?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is one special reason I can think of. Most of the other reports were placed before the Legislature for discussion, while Government do not propose to place this Report before the Assembly and the Council for discussion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Does the member say that all reports of Committees were supplied to the members?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think most of the reports came up for discussion in one form or another whether they were placed before the House or not.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know whether Government are considering the proposals contained in the Report?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, they are.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): May I know whether copies are available for sale?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, a few copies are available.

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MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Is the member aware that Devaswoms are, though subject to conditions, under the purview of the Assembly?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Under certain circumstances they are under the purview of the Assembly, but not under all circumstances.

Consideration by the Legislature of the Temple—Entry Committee Report.

212. ❋**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Report of the Temple—Entry Committee would come up for discussion and deliberation in the Assembly and the Council?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Report of the Temple—Entry Committee could be placed for discussion and deliberation before a joint session of the Hindu members of the Assembly and the Council?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI. (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As far as I know, it will not be.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Committee have recommended the institution of a *Parishad* for determining the question and whether any decision has been arrived at by Government?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, but no decision has been made.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the so-called *Parishad* has any hold upon the Hindu community in the State?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether any *Parishad* exists as it is in the State?

PRESIDENT: I am afraid we are now going into the contents of the Report, although it is not before the House.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know the reasons that actuated Government not to place the Report before the Assembly for discussion?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am unable to disclose the reasons. I think there is a section in the Regulation which says that subjects relating to Devaswoms can be brought up for discussion only with the permission of the Dewan. The Dewan has decided that the Report should not be placed before the House for discussion.

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